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SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

1. SEPTEMBER 9 REUTER STORY FROM CALCUTTA ASSERTS THAT HARCOS-FLETCHER TRIAL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. ACCOUNT CLAIMS THAT CALCUTTA HIGH COURT ON SEPTEMBER 9 OVERTURNED LOWER COURT DECISION ALLOWING DEFENSE ACCESS TO EVIDENCE. REUTER STORY GOES ON TO SAY THAT HARCOS AND FLETCHER "ARE NOW VERY WEAK...MUCH WEAKER THAN TWO WEEKS AGO" AND HAD TO BE HELPED UPSTAIRS TO THE THIRD-FLOOR COURTROOM.

2. STORY ADDS THAT O'NEILL'S PETITION SEEKING COURT PERMISSION TO VISIT THE TWO IF THEY ARE PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST WAS HELD IN ABEYANCE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: STATUS REPORT ON HEARING, POST-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PONEMENT OF TRIAL, CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY WILL BE
CONFINED DURING HOUSE ARREST (I.E. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT,
IF ANY), AND PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HARCOS AND FLETCHER
NEEDED IN ORDER TO ANSWER PRESS QUERIES. RESPONSE
NEEDED OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 10 OUR TIME. KISSINGER

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